GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF CASTES IN OBC
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes has decided to include the Jat- sikh of Rajasthan in the list of OBCs and;

(b) if so, the date on which this decision was taken;

(c) whether Bishnoi have also separated from Jat like Sikh Jats;

(d) if so, whether Bishnoi are also proposed to be included in the list of OBCs;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of other decisions taken by the Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) & (b) According to the Gazette Notification No.241 dated 27-10-1999 `Jat` (except in Bharatpur and Dhaulpur Districts) has been included in the Central List of OBCs for Rajasthan as per the advice tendered by National Commission for Backward Classes. For the inclusion of any caste/community in the Central Lists of OBCs, there is no bar of religion. Persons professing any religion can be considered for inclusion in the Central Lists of OBCs provided they fulfill the criteria covering social, educational and economic aspects of backwardness.

(c) to (f) The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has considered the proposal to include `Bishnoi` caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for Rajasthan and has recommended rejection of the requests for its inclusion.